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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1125

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SUBJECT: FRENCH OIL MIL MACHINERY (FOMM)

REF: STATE 028991

1. PLEASE ADVISE FOMM THAT AL-FATIH WELCOMES
PROPOSED VISIT AND IS WILLING ARRANGE RECEPTION. HE
SUGGESTS, HOWEVER, THAT DATES BE SET ONLY AFTER FINAL
(ALBEIT ROUTINE) APPROVAL OF SUDAN INDUSTRIAL BANK

BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS RECEIVED (EXPECTED WITHIN TEN
DAYS). EMBASSY AND AL-FATIH AGREE THAT NEW MERIDIEN
HOTEL WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO AMERICAN CLUB FOR RECEPTION
SITE, DESPITE SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER COST INVOLVED.
BELIEVE ZERIHUM SHOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE AT LEAST FIVE
DAYS BEFORE EVENT TO ASSURE GUEST LIST IS APPROPRIATE
AND RECEPTION ARRANGEMENTS ARE COMPLETE. EMBASSY WILL
ASSIST WHENEVER POSSIBLE AND AMB AND ECONOFF
WOULD BE PLEASED ATTEND IF DATE DOES NOT CONFLICT
WITH PRIOR COMMITMENTS.

2. SUGGEST FEB 29-MARCH 4 TIME FRAME BE AVOIDED
AS EMBASSY WILL BE PREOCCUPIED THEN WITH USDOC
SPONSORED TECHNICAL SALES SEMINAR.

3. NEW MERIDIEN HOTEL NOW PARTIALLY OPEN AT LS 21
(\$52.50) DOUBLE, LS 18 (\$45) SINGLE. ADVISE IF EMBASSY
SHOULD SEEK ROOM FOR FOMM VISITORS THERE OR ELSEWHERE. HOTEL
RESERVATIONS MADE BY ANYONE BUT LOCAL CONTACT WILL, IN
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OUR EXPERIENCE, OFTEN NOT BE HONORED.

4. EMBASSY AND AL-FATIH WILL AWAIT WORD FROM FOMM
BEFORE TAKING FURTHER ACTION. BREWER

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